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HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2002

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR THE NAVAJO ELECTRIFICATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

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 To the Congress of the United States:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, in October 2000, Congress approved Senate Bill 964, which established a five-year program known as the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project. This legislation authorized the spending of \$75 million over a five-year period from 2002 to 2006 to provide grants of \$15 million a year to bring electricity to parts of the Navajo Nation that are not currently being served; and

Whereas, the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project would expand traditional sources of power and implement renewable energy sources and other advanced electric power technologies. The funds would be funneled through the Department of Energy and disbursed as grants to the Navajo Nation to provide electricity to approximately 18,000 homes on the Navajo reservation that currently lack this basic service. The act also authorized the Department of Energy to provide technical support to the Navajo Nation in the use of advanced power technologies; and

Whereas, despite the passage of Senate Bill 964 last year, Congress must act to appropriate the funds in order for the money to be distributed to the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project. We encourage Congress to provide the necessary funding for the grant program in the federal budget so that a basic necessity such as electricity can become available to the entire Navajo Nation.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

- 1. That the Members of Congress of the United States support legislation appropriating \$75 million between 2002 and 2006, or \$15 million a year, for the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project.
- 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

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Secretary of State